

CARR-1553

Bridge 290

Houcksville Rd @ CSX RR Tracks

c. 1900

Summary:

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Bridge 290

2. Location

street & number Houcksville Rd @ CSX RR tracks

not for publication

city, town Hampstead

vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland

county Carroll

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u>X</u> public	<u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u> </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial
	<u> </u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u>X</u> transportation
			<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name County Commissioners of Carroll County

street & number 225 N. Center Street

telephone no.:

city, town Westminster

state and zip code Maryland 21157

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex

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street & number 55 N. Court Street

folio

city, town Westminster

state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

 federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Bridge 290 is located on Houcksville Road, where it crosses over the CSX Railroad tracks, in Hampstead, in northeastern Carroll County, Maryland. The bridge is a timber structure with a wood plank deck. On either side of the railroad tracks are three concrete piers that support a timber framework that in turn supports the bridge. This framework consists of five vertical posts, two of the inner posts set at an angle, with two cross braces that form an "X". Higher up each bank is a short timber support that also sits on a concrete pier. These supports have three posts, with diagonal braces from the top of the center post down to the feet of the outer posts. The framework consists of circular-sawn, creosoted timbers, and supports ten wood stringers that in turn support the decking. On each side of the deck is a railing made of angle iron.

Contributing resources: 1

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Geographical Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period:

Modern Period A.D. 1930-present

Historic Period Themes:

Transportation

Resource Types:

Bridge

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property N/AQuadrangle name HampsteadQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting							Northing	

B

Zone	Easting							Northing	

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kenneth M. Short, Historic Plannerorganization Carroll County Planning & Develop. date March 24, 1998street & number 225 North Center Street telephone (410) 386-2145city or town WESTMINSTER state MARYLAND

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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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MANCHESTER 2.8 MI.

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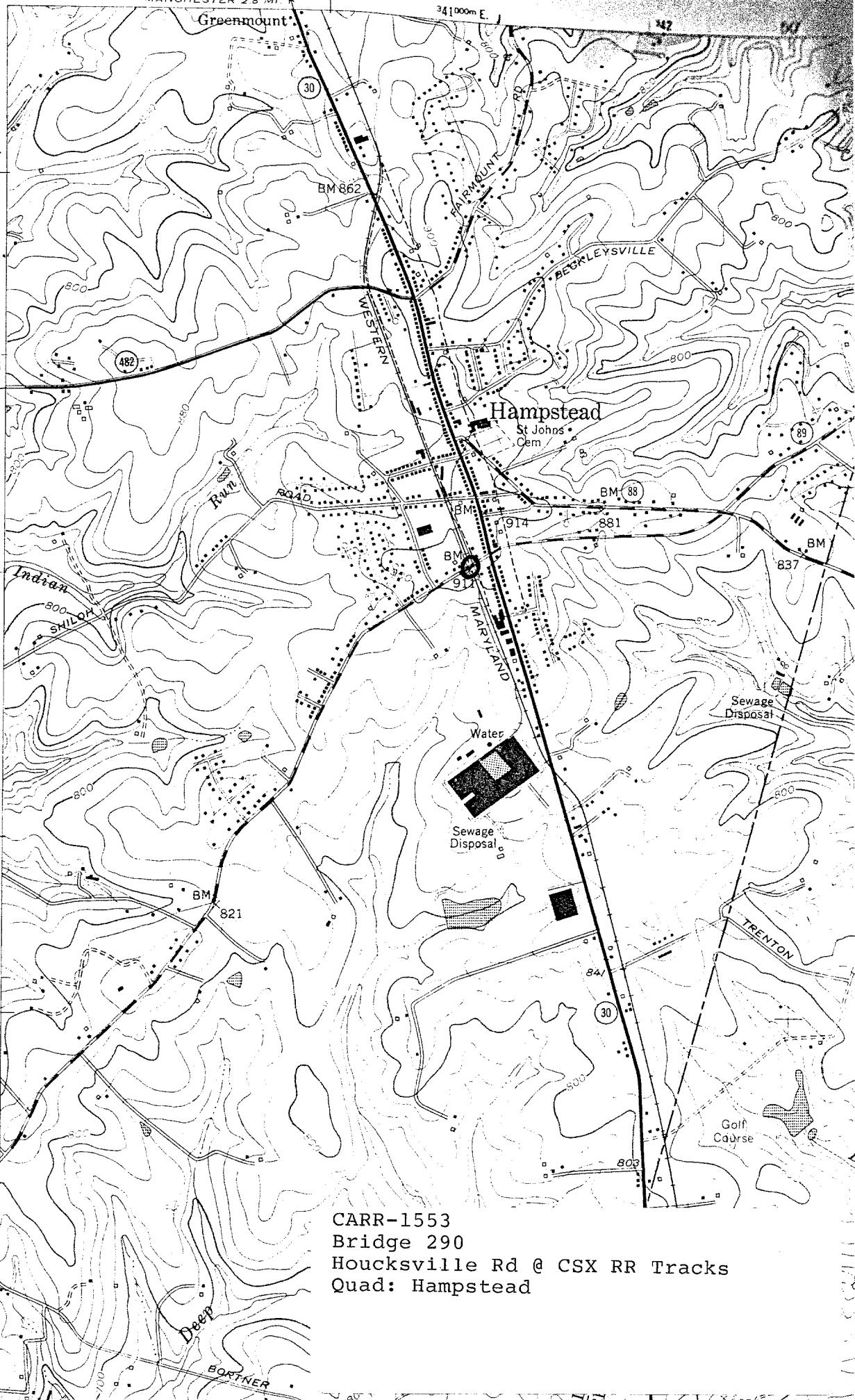
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HOUCKSVILLE 0.5 MI.



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VW, North

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